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# REPORT.

## PAID THE FOLLOWING BILLS BY ORDERS ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

### STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid Solon A. Carter, State tax,	1292 00
Charles W. Fall, County tax,	2368 05
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	\$3,660 05

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid John W. Kimball,	District No. 1,	174 77
Samuel W. Roberts,	" 2,	252 00
Isaac D. Watson,	" 3,	132 00
Alvah Runnels,	" 4,	144 00
John F. Garland,	" 5,	184 50
Thomas L. Wentworth,	" 6,	147 25
Gilman P. Dore & Joshua Brooks,	" 7,	190 26
Nathan O. Weeks,	" 8,	120 00
Frank B. Drew,	" 9,	324 39
Brackett M. Weeks,	" 10,	67 00
Hiram R. Waldron,	" 11,	123 44
Hiram W. Nichols,	" 12,	256 10
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		\$2,115 71

Paid District No. 12,	4 25
13,	29 04
14,	36 96
15,	25 68
16,	30 24
17,	76 32
18,	19 62
19,	52 56
20,	54 44
21,	30 81
22,	23 04
23,	42 12
24,	42 19
25,	39 48
26,	3 84
27,	9 36
28,	39 83
29,	45 12
30,	16 68
31,	41 88
32,	75 38
33,	10 02
34,	10 56

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\$1,268 03

### TOWN BONDS AND COUPONS.

Paid Laura E. Scruton, bond No. 2, for \$500.,	520 00
Eliza J. Gage, " " 23 and 24 for \$100. each,	208 00
Catherine V. Weeks, " " 22 " "	104 00
Burrows Drew, " " 25 " "	104 00
Freeman D. Pike, " " 26 " "	104 00
Interest coupons on bonds remaining unpaid,	458 00

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\$1,498 00

## NOTE AND INTEREST.

Paid John W. Sanborn, Note and Interest, \$543 33

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## RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Paid George A. Yeaton, proportion of interest on  
ministerial fund due the congregational  
society, for the year ending March 1, '83, 17 91

Hiram P. Mansur, one-half the proportion of  
interest on ministerial fund due the F. W.  
Baptist Society, for the year ending March 1, '83, 8 95

Eliza Blake, one-half the proportion of interest  
on ministerial fund due the Methodist  
Society, for the year ending March 1, '83, 8 95

Daniel S. Burley, one-half the proportion of interest  
on ministerial fund due the Methodist Society,  
for the year ending March 1, 1882, 8 95

Daniel S. Burley, one-half the proportion of interest  
on ministerial fund due the Methodist Society,  
for the year ending March 1, 1883, 8 95

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\$53 71

## OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid Gilman P. Dore bill for repairing highway, 24 25

Thomas Wood, " " 16 20

Asa Beacham, " plank in 1876, 8 50

John E. Scruton, 4 75

Mark H. Wentworth, 4 20

Eben J. Hersom, 2 02

George C. Pike, 2 00

Turner N. Seward, 3 00

Joseph Hanson, 17 01

William A. Meserve, 5 88

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\$87 81



## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid S. M. Morse & Son,	12 44
James D. Hutchins,	10 00
William L. Himes,	16 70
John H. Glidden,	1 50
Satchel Weeks,	80
John E. Scruton,	4 75
Samuel W. Roberts,	5 25
Samuel B. Ames,	4 37
Isaac N. Fellows, non-resident highway tax,	8 92
Charles E. Brackett, working " "	6 86
Mayhew C. Clark, non-resident highway tax paid in labor for 1882	91 48
Samuel B. Ames,	2 90
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	\$165 97

## ABATEMENTS.

Paid Isaac N. Fellows, the following abatements  
on tax list for 1876:

Joseph Libbey,	56 25
Mayhew C. Clark, the following abatements on tax list for 1882:	
Samuel B. Champion,	1 67
Jonathan B. Colbath,	1 35
Julius A. Glidden,	1 35
Otis Nason,	1 35
Heirs of Chesley Jenness,	1 62
Joseph Gerrish,	1 35
Isaac D. Watson, dog,	1 00
Charles H. Hall, loss of horse,	67
Westcott Merrow, paid in Maine,	1 35
Hiram R. Waldron, dog,	1 00



## ABATEMENTS. (con.)

Drivers Union & Gloucester Ice Co. error,	3 30
Aaron N. Hanson,	1 35
Darius Davis,	1 35
John W. Hanson,	1 35
Leslie W. Perkins,	2 03
Obed Young, Paid in Wolfboro',	1 35
Peter Carrier,	1 35
Hiram Jones,	1 00
Frank E. Davis, dog,	1 00
Frank Lane,	1 00
Charles E. Tannet,	1 62
Sarah Howard, error,	1 23
Asa Whitehouse,	3 11
David Libbey,	95
Simeon Dyer,	5 21
Thomas S. Bickford,	1 35
Asa M. Farnham,	3 78
Charles N. Hutchins,	1 35
Edgar Weeks, in Ossipee,	1 35
Charles Traffon,	1 35
Daniel M. Fellows, dog tax,	1 00
Eben Chapman, error in assessments,	2 00
Mary A. Lane, for loss of house by fire,	6 00
Thomas H. Johnson,	12 77
Rosemandel Young,	30
Jacob R. Pike,	1 35
Heirs of Edmund B. Tibbetts,	3 65
Joseph E. Campnell,	67
Fred J. Garland,	93
William Meikle,	1 35
Ammon S. Reed,	2 70
Alphonzo Nealy,	1 35
Fred Doland, dog,	1 00
John Robinson,	1 35
Heirs of Thos. Goudy,	1 08
Andrew J. Lord,	1 35

## ABATEMENTS. (con.)

Sheldron Tibbetts,	2	35
Mary E. Garland,		67
Robert C. McDaniels, dog,	1	00
Elijah Horn,	1	00
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		\$149 21

## WATERING TUBS.

Paid Nathan O. Weeks,	3	00
John W. Mathews,	3	00
Turner N. Seward,	3	00
Jonathan R. Gilman,	3	00
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		\$12 00

## BOUNTIES ON CROWS.

Paid P. O. Cottle, for cash paid on 77 crows,			\$7 70
Geo. H. Gage,	30	“	3 00
Geo. A. Yeaton,	44	“	4 40
Chas. H. Pike,	47	“	4 70
Joseph Pike,	25	“	2 50
Elmer E. Hersom,	23	“	2 30
Daniel Libbey,	7	“	70
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			\$25 30

## SHEEP BILL.

Paid Jerome A. Glidden, for one sheep killed by dogs	3 50
John D. Willey, for three " " " " " "	9 00
Joshua H. Cloutman, one " " " " " "	3 50
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	\$16 00.

## STATIONERY.

Paid Geo. S. Dorr, printing town accounts, " " " " " "	\$19 55
" " " " " " check lists, &c.,	9 00
Geo. H. H. Silsby, books, &c.,	8 37
Geo. H. Gage, stationery, postage, &c.,	1 50
Geo. S. Dorr,	1 45
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	\$39 87

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Satchell Weeks, treasurer	\$25 00
William L. Himes, S. S. committee,	45 00
Charles H. Smith, town clerk,	18 94
A. J. Milliken, " "	12 20
J. H. Cloutman, supervisor of check list,	8 00
Richard F. D. Sibley, auditor,	2 00
William A. Maleham, " "	2 00
Isaac N. Fellows, collector of taxes for 1876,	40 00
Mayhew C. Clark, " " 1882,	77 50
Geo. H. Gage, selectman,	106 15
Geo. A. Yeaton, " "	79 95
P. O. Cottle, " "	60 00
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	\$476 74



## SUMS RECEIVED BY TREASURER FOR 1882.

Received of the treasurer for 1881,	1485 83
“ Savings Bank,	847 74
“ Literary fund,	139 38
“ Railroad tax,	48
“ State for bounties paid,	15 60
“ George H. Gage,	1 25
“ County of Carroll,	72 49
“ Daniel Bracketts estate,	1602 53
“ Clark, Robert C. McDaniels tax, for 1881, abated,	2 00
“ Isaac N. Fellows, in full for balance of tax list for 1876,	128 06
“ Mayhew C. Clark, collector of taxes for 1882, list in full,	8240 14
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	\$12,535 50

Whole amount received by the Treasurer,	\$12,535 50
“ paid out by selectmen by orders on town Treasurer,	11,227 97
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Ballance in hands of treasurer,	\$1,807 53

## LIABILITIES.

Due the several school districts, unexpended money for the year 1882,	357 62
The several school districts, interest on school fund for the year 1883,	44 75
The Freewill Baptist society, one-half the proportion of interest on ministerial fund from March 1, '77, to Mar. 1, '83,	53 70
The several religious societies, interest on minis- terial fund for the year ending Mar. 1, '84,	53 73
Burrows Drew, May 1, 1883, on town bonds,	1040 00
John C. Penney, " " " "	1040 00
Alvah A. Hall, " " " "	1144 00
Chas. C. Richards, " " " "	1404 00
Mark H. Wentworth, " " " "	1248 00
Joseph Maleham, " " " "	1248 00
Jacob Ballard, " " " "	624 00
Lucy A. Wiggin, " " " "	416 00
Lizzie Pike, " " " "	520 00
Eliza Blake, " " " "	520 00
Freeman D. Pike, " " " "	208 00
Mary A. Duntley, " " " "	416 00
Algernon S. Weeks, " " " "	208 00
Mary L. Perkins, " " " "	208 00
Susan A. Pike, " " " "	208 00
Almira Pike, " " " "	104 00
William A. Maleham, " " " "	364 00
Salome C. Weeks, " " " "	104 00
Hiram O. Stevens, " " " "	52 00
George F. Sceggel, " " " "	52 00
Mary C. Ballard, " " " "	104 00
Belle C. Fall, " " " "	156 00
Lucy N. Fall, " " " "	156 00
Lucy A. Hill, " " " "	208 00

Elsie T. Langley's Heirs, May 1, '83, on town bonds.	728 00
George H. Gage, " " " "	208 00
Irena Wentworth's heirs, " " " "	156 00
Mary Garland, " " " "	156 00
on interest coupons since May 1, 1882,	42 00
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Total liabilities,	\$13,551 80

#### BY MONEY DUE THE TOWN.

Due from the County of Carroll,	\$57 56
" " Treasurer for 1882,	1307 53
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	\$1365 09

Amount of liabilities,	\$13,551 80
Money due the town,	1,365 09
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Balance against the town,	\$12,186 71

GEORGE H. GAGE,	} Selectmen of Wakefield.
GEORGE A. YEATON,	
PHINEHAS O. COTTLE.	

Wakefield, March 9, 1883.

We, the subscribers, two of the auditors for the town of Wakefield, having this day carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, hereby report that we find them correctly cast and fully supported by proper vouchers.

EBENEZER GARVIN,  
HENRY H. GILMAN.



# TREASURERS REPORT.

## RECEIVED.

From Robert H. Pike,	\$1027 15	
State Treasurer,	1003 20	
George H. Gage,	1 25	
M. C. Clark, coll. for 1882,	7765 14	
I. N. Fellows, coll. for 1876.	128 06	
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## PAID.

Paid State and County tax,	\$3660 05	
School districts,	1554 07	
Support of poor,	141 69	
Watering places,	15 00	
Highways and bridges,	280 90	
Breaking roads,	1196 00	
Abatements,	149 21	
Non-res. highway tax paid in labor,	100 40	
Sheep bills,	16 00	
Bounty on crows,	17 60	
Miscellaneous,	108 57	
Town officers,	472 74	
Note and interest (Rollins fund),	543 33	
Bonds and interest,	308 00	
Religious societies,	53 71	
Balance on hand,	1307 53	
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SATCHELL WEEKS, Treasurer.



**REPORT**  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF WAKEFIELD,**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1883.

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The following statement is as full as could be made from the imperfect reports found in the school registers, and such additional information as could be obtained of the prudential committees, some of whom failed to make any response to repeated requests for information. In not one case was the state law complied with, which requires that no teacher shall be paid for services until they produce a certificate from the Superintending Committee that he has received the School Register from them. As the Superintending Committee has work enough of his own to do without filling up school registers, he would respectfully call the attention of teachers and prudential committees to the law, as found on the cover of the registers, and give notice that any violation of the law may be reported to the State authorities. For it



is not just that the Superintending Committee should spend more time in looking up matters which the teachers and agents are required by law to report, than he spends in preparing his own annual report.

The district reports are as follows:

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Carrie A. Staples. 8 weeks; 17 pupils—average 14. Wages, \$40.

SECOND TERM. Teacher, Miss Lillian A. Sanborn. 7 weeks; 17 pupils—average 16. Wages, \$43.75.

THIRD TERM. Teacher, Miss L. J. Hussey. 13 weeks; 17 pupils—average, 16. Wages, \$91.11.

TOTALS. Three teachers; 20 different scholars; daily average, 15. Wages, \$174.86. Current expenses, \$16.75. Cost per scholar, \$9.58. Cost per week, per scholar, \$0.34. Repairs, \$5.76. Balance from last year, \$22.66. Total expended, \$197.43. Prud. Com., John W. Kimball.

The teacher of the first term of this school was scarcely equal to her work and failed to give satisfaction. The teacher of the second term infused new life into the school and roused fresh and vigorous interest. The teacher of the third term has experience to aid her skill in teaching and gave full satisfaction to the district. This school has some of the best scholars in the town. A great defect, however, is the strict adherence to the letter of the text-book in recitation. With more unity of feeling and keener public spirit, the district would appreciate progress in the art of education and do more for its children. The school house needs paint, whitewash and maps. The out-buildings need repairs and disinfectants.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Mary E. Roberts. 8 weeks; 21 pupils—average, 18. Wages, \$48.

SECOND TERM. Teacher, Miss Alice H. Maleham. 7 weeks; 21 pupils—average, 20. Wages, \$42.

THIRD TERM. Teacher, Mr. Andrus P. Chesley. 12 weeks; 31 scholars—average, 28. Wages, \$162.

TOTALS. Three teachers; 27 weeks. Different pupils, 33 (two from out of the district). Daily average, 22. Wages, \$252. Current expenses, \$10. Cost per scholar, \$8. Cost per week, per scholar, \$0.24. Repairs, \$2.20. Unexpended balance, \$85, including \$9.50 received for tuition. Prud. Com., S. W. Roberts, M. D.

It is difficult to account for the inertia of this district in educational matters. One would expect it to take the lead in adopting all approved improved methods of teaching; in supplying school desk and walls with the text books and charts and other material which are essential to the best results in teaching; and in keeping its school house in a respectable condition. The condition of the school building is a shame to the people. It needs paint, whitewash and repairs, besides larger desks for the older scholars. The spring and fall terms were too short. Two weeks added to the spring term and three to that in the fall would have given the teachers a better chance, and been vastly beneficial to the younger pupils.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Norah A. Cloutman. 7 weeks; 12 scholars—average, 9. Wages \$42.

SECOND TERM. Teacher, Miss Lillie A. Bagley. 13 weeks; 18 scholars—average, 9. Wages, \$78.

TOTALS. Two teachers; 20 weeks. 20 different pupils (seven from out of district). Daily average, 9. Wages, \$120. Current expenses, \$9.25. Cost per scholar, \$6.46. Cost per week, per scholar, \$0.32. Repairs, \$1.50. Map, \$2.50. Balance in town treasury, \$27.04. Prud. Com., Isaac D. Watson.

One of the disadvantages of the district system appears in the affairs of this school. All the scholars but one live in or near North Wakefield village, only one scholar living near to, and south of the school house. Every consideration of convenience, accommodation and public spirit demanded that the school should be kept in the village. But the law was against the majority, and in consequence the term was shortened and there were fewer scholars, with a lower average attendance than should have been. Variety of text-books and irregularity in attendance were great hindrances of good work in this school. The first trouble has been chiefly remedied; public spirit that will sink private feelings and interests for the good of all the children, will go far to remedy the second.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Belle C. Fall. 9 weeks; 26 scholars—average, 23. Wages, \$58.50.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. 16 weeks; 24 scholars—average, 19. Wages, \$120.

TOTALS. One teacher. 25 weeks; 29 different pupils (two from out of town). Daily average, 21. Seven scholars were not absent during the year; ten attended every session of the first term. Wages, \$178.50. Current expenses, \$6. Cost per scholar, \$6.31. Cost per week, per scholar, \$0.25. Unexpended school money, \$26.67. Prud. Com., John F. Garland.

For public spirit, keen appreciation of educational privileges, readiness to receive and carry out suggestions for improvements, for unity of feeling and action in school matters, this district easily stands first in the town. As might be expected the scholars are punctual, constant, attentive and studious in an unusual degree. They are fortunate, too, in having a teacher suited to such a district, who has taught continuously for this, and is engaged for another year. "Progress" is the watchword of people, children and teacher, which is assurance that what things are wanting will be set in order as speedily as possible.



## DISTRICT No. 5.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Cora E. Sibley. 9 weeks; 21 scholars—average, 17. Wages, \$58.50.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. 11 weeks; 18 scholars—average, 15. Wages, \$77.

TOTALS. One teacher; 20 weeks. 23 different scholars (one from another district). Daily average, 16. Wages, \$135.50. Current expenses \*———. Cost per scholar, \$6. Cost per week, per scholar, \$0.27. Unexpended school money, \$75.67. Prud. Com., Alvah Runnels.

\* no returns.

This district has reason to congratulate itself upon securing the services of so intelligent and effective a teacher as Miss Sibley. There was a visible increase of spirit and interest in the school during the year, due, next to the teacher herself, to the improved methods of teaching, and changes of text-books in favor of uniformity. The school house is not fit for use, and is a disgrace to the town; our shame being lightly veiled, perhaps, by the antiquarian interest and associations that linger around the place. Miss Sibley has been engaged to teach during the coming year.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Mrs. Geo. W. Seward. 9 weeks; 14 scholars—average, 12. Wages, \$40.50.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. 16 weeks; 15 scholars—average, 11. Wages, \$94.

TOTALS. One teacher. 25 weeks; 15 different pupils (one from district 11). Daily average, 11 1-2. Wages, \$144.50. Incidental expenses. —\*. Cost per scholar, \$9.63. Cost per week, per scholar, \$0.39. Prud. Com., Thomas Wentworth.

\* no returns.

There are bright boys and girls in this district, and their teacher has been faithful. There is, however, need of a better understanding of the progress that has been made in the art of teaching within the past few years. Something has been done to carry out the suggestions of your Superintending Committee, and the school is clearly in better condition than it was a year ago.

## DISTRICT No. 7.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Mrs. H. N. A. Bertsch. 6 weeks; 6 scholars—average, 5. Wages, \$33.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. 10 weeks; 8 scholars—average 6. Wages, \$93.

TOTALS. One teacher; 16 weeks. Different scholars, 9. Daily average, 5 1-2. Wages, \$60. Incidental expenses, \$6.75. Cost per scholar, \$11.08. Cost per week, per scholar, \$0.69. Unexpended balance, \$111.51. Prud. Com., Gilman P. Dore.

I have been unable to visit this school as often as was desirable. It is one of the smallest in town. The teacher has ideas, and is not confined to a text-book rut. But the classes are small and it is difficult to arouse enthusiasm. I think more is done than could be expected under the existing circumstances.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Sadie D. Weeks. 8 weeks; 19 pupils—average, 17. Wages, \$48.

SECOND TERM. Teacher, Miss Lillian Black. 10 weeks; 16 pupils—average 14. Wages, \$40.

TOTALS. Two teachers; 18 Weeks. Different pupils, 21. Daily average, 15 1-2. Wages, \$88. Current expenses.—\*. Cost per scholar, \$4.15. Cost per scholar per week, \$0.24. Unexpended school money, \$78.74. Prud. Com., Nathan Weeks.

\* No returns.

The first term of this school gave eminent satisfaction to all concerned. But few teachers have had such gratifying success in their first school. The story of the succeeding term is a chapter of disasters. Scholars and teacher were both blameworthy, and so in some cases were parents. The teacher was hired and began school at a time when the office of Superintending Committee was vacant, and as she had the approval of the Prudential Committee and of some of those most interested in the district I felt it my duty to pursue a conciliatory course; with the result usual in such cases—nobody was pleased. This district needs reorganising.

and should build a new school house at the East Wakefield depot village. A few families should go to the "Corner" district. The rest would be better accommodated, and I believe, more interested. The best results would follow, if the changes indicated should be made.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

**FIRST TERM.** Teacher, Mrs. Margaret G. Field. 9 weeks; 36 scholars—average, 29. Wages, \$72.

**SECOND TERM.** Teacher, Mr. Charles L. Wentworth. 10 weeks; 35 pupils—average, 31. Wages, \$100.

**THIRD TERM.** Teacher, Charles E. Stevens. 12 weeks; 31 pupils—average, 26. Wages, \$120.

**TOTALS.** Three teachers; 31 weeks. Different pupils 38. Daily average, 29. Wages, \$292. Incidental expenses \$26.25. Cost per scholar, \$8.37. Cost per week, per scholar, \$0.27. Balance in hands of Agent \$20.78. Children in district of school age not attending school, 8. Prud. Com. Fred E. Drew.

This important school has seen a very prosperous year, somewhat marred, however, by frequent change of teachers. The teachers have all been good; but the best teachers vary in methods of work, which inevitably produces some confusion at the beginning of each term. At the beginning of the year the school was quite demoralised, and as to text-books it was the worst off of any in town. The parents rallied, and decided unanimously to purchase an entire new set of text books for every scholar. This gave uniformity and freshness to the course of study, and the results were at once apparent. Mrs. Field's efforts were largely crowned with success. She was succeeded by Mr Chas. L. Wentworth one of the brightest and most effective teachers I have met. Under his administration the *morale* of the school vastly improved and the interest increased. Mr. Wentworth was engaged for the winter elsewhere, but the district was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. C. E. Stevens as his successor. The interest of the youngest scholars was hardly sustained, but on the whole the winter term of school was as satisfactory as any that preceded it.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Kate Weeks. 10 weeks; 7 pupils—average 6. Wages, \$40.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. 10 weeks. 7 scholars—average, 4. Wages, \$40.

TOTALS. One teacher. 20 weeks. Different pupils, 11 (three from dist. 2, and two under school age.) Daily average, 5. Wages, \$80. Incidental expenses \$2. Cost per pupil, \$7.45. Cost per pupil per week, \$0.37. Balance in hands of Agent, or due from town, \$108.75. Prud. Com., Brackett Weeks.

This school has the fewest and youngest pupils in town. Of the four pupils belonging to the District who attended the fall term, one was seven years old, one over six, one five and one under four. Three pupils from the "Corner" district came in at the the close of the much too short fall term of that school. The teacher did her best to make the school interesting and profitable; but with over \$100 to carry over to the next school year the district did literally nothing to make school attractive or to provide material which the best educators of to-day deem essential in a primary school. The feelings of your committee were divided between pity for the children, that they should have so few privileges, when the district was so able to pay for them, and indignation that our town school system should allow public funds to be wasted by keeping the school at all. If the district should insist upon having a separate school, it is to be hoped that it will pay a teacher decent wages, and provide fit material to make school interesting and profitable.

## DISTRICT No. 11.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Ada Libby. 7 weeks; 15 pupils—average, 12. Wages, \$35.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. 11 weeks; 23 pupils—average (estimated) 20. Wages, \$55.

TOTALS. One teacher; 18 weeks. Different pupils, 25. Daily average, 16. Wages, \$90. Incidental expenses \$4.50. Cost per pupil, \$8.88. Cost per pupil per week, \$0.24. Unexpended money, \$28.94. Prud. Com. Hiram Waldron.



At the close of the first term of this school I advised a change of teachers. My advice was not taken. I suppose the people were satisfied with the school, though your Committee was not. There is good material in the scholars, but they need a wide-awake, apt and well-informed teacher to stir them up, and to develop their powers. The people should awake to the importance of their educational interests.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Lillian A. Sanborn. 9 weeks; 64 scholars—average 61. Wages \$63.

SECOND TERM. Teacher, Miss C. Augusta Clement. 9 weeks; 67 scholars—average, 59. Wages, \$81.

THIRD TERM. Same teacher. 12 weeks; 55 scholars—average, 51. Wages, \$108.

TOTALS. Two teachers; 30 weeks. Different pupils, 68. Daily average, 56. Wages, \$252. Fuel and supplies, \$10. Cost per scholar, \$3.86. Cost per week per scholar, \$0.13. Repairs, \$1.10. Given by Agent, \$4; by teacher, \$2. Given by teacher, a set of charts for teaching music. Paid for stove and funnel, \$30. Cash on hand from district tax, \$12. Prud. Com., Hiram W. Nichols.

Miss Sanborn was without experience in teaching when she took charge of this difficult school. She more than met the expectations of her warmest friends. As it was impossible for one teacher to hear all the classes within the appointed school hours, some of the older scholars were called upon to hear the young pupils' lessons. Your Committee is of the opinion that this is not profitable. Nowhere is tact and skill more needed than in the instruction of the younger scholars. Aside from this, Miss Sanborn proved a teacher full of resources, and capable of teaching something more than the *letter* of the text book.

Miss Clement's two terms of school were highly successful. She kept school on an average about seven hours a day: and only thus was she enabled to give her personal attention to the recitations of every scholar. The public examination on the last day, showed that she has not merely introduced new, and some original methods of education, but has achieved the most gratifying success. It seems impossible to evade the issue of a new school in this district. There are more scholars here than ever before. Even if a teacher could always be had who would keep extra hours every day, that is not a satisfactory solution of the difficulty. There must be two schools, two teachers. This seems to be a necessity.

To the above statistics and remarks I would add that for the sake of uniformity and other advantages, I have introduced into our schools for use during the next five years (the introduction being recorded with the Town Clerk) the following books: In Grammar—Swinton's Language Primer, Language Lessons, English Grammar, and English Composition. In Geography—Harper's Introductory and Harper's School Geographies. In Arithmetic—the Franklin Series, consisting of Primary, Elementary and Written Arithmetics. Some of these had been partially introduced before my term of office began. But in almost every school there was a variety of text books on the same subject and in the same grade, and in not one school was there uniformity. If the superintendents comply with the law there will be no new books in the above studies introduced, nor any other text books allowed to displace the above named in our schools during the next five years.

There are four or five different spellers in use. Some one of them should be adopted to the exclusion of all others, for the sake of uniformity. Circumstances beyond my control prevented me from attending the recent town meeting, where, as I could not print my report in season, I wished to make a verbal report of my observations of the workings of our schools, and to offer some suggestions as to the future conduct of our educational in-

stitutions. But I do not deem it worth while to incorporate them in my published report, thereby adding to the length and expense of a town report to be delivered to the people a month after the adjournment of the meeting in which that report should have been considered.

\ I have made seventy-three official visits to the schools. And while I have not been able to do all I would gladly have done for our schools, I have endeavored to do what I could.

WM. LLOYD HIMES.

March 26, 1883.







